

YOUTH SERVICES LYNCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL 2005

Weekly Programs

Registration begins Tuesday, September 6.
Registration must be done in person.

Tales for Twos

20-minute programs designed especially for
2-year-old listeners and their parents.

September 19 – December 13
Mondays at 10:00, 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. or
Tuesdays at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m.

A parent or caregiver must attend. Siblings are welcome.

Preschool Pizzazz

30-minute programs designed especially for children ages 3-5.

September 20- December 14
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. or Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

While parents do not attend storytime with preschoolers,
we rely on them to be our partners and ask that they remain
in the library during programs.

Monthly Programs

Registration not required.

Born to Read Storytimes

20 minute lapsit programs of rhymes, stories, songs
and activities designed for children under the age of two
and their parents.

Second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m.
September 9 October 14

November (Closed for Veteran's Day)
December 9

Siblings are welcome.

Holiday Craft Workshops

Drop-in. No registration required.

Halloween
Saturday, October 29, 2-4 p.m.

Thanksgiving
Saturday, November 19, 2-4 p.m.

Winter Holidays
December 22, 10-4 p.m.

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Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

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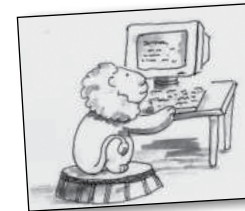


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LION UPGRADED @ your library™

A new state-of-the-art library software has been installed at the main and branch libraries as part of the Lynchburg Information Online Network (LION). Twenty-four Gateway PCs with Dell servers replaced the aged 15-year-old terminals, and web access to the library's catalog has been vastly improved. The new Horizon software is a product of Sirsi/Dynix whose library technology products are used in 11,000 libraries of all sizes in over 40 countries. Our Horizon software manages the library's collection of 150,000+ items, 30,000 borrowers and 450,000 annual circulations.

Although the libraries were closed for the installation, the staff was hard at work training on the new Horizon software. The bookdrops remained open and 2,335 items were returned through the bookdrops – a good trial run.

The first day the library operated with the new system, the main library circulated nearly 5,000 items. Not a record day, but considerably more than the average of 3,000 items, and the longest lines we've had for a while. Circulation staff quickly adapted to the new system and equipment, which they like very much.

The public response to Horizon has been overwhelmingly positive. Reference and Youth Services staffs continue to help patrons become familiar with the new computers. Many other patrons have made the change without assistance. The ease of use from home computers has dramatically increased the number of materials being requested online. Internet access of the catalog is through the library's web page at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary. Simply click on the link to the catalog – a vast improvement over the old system. Patrons can search for items, reserve and renew materials, and see what items they have checked out and when they are due.

One BIG change – renewal is now for 7 days from the original due date, and patrons can do this themselves from any PC. Videos, DVDs and items requested by another patron cannot be renewed.

Since 1991, a library consortium that now includes the Lynchburg Public Library, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and Sweet Briar College has shared a library computer system. The Amherst County Public Library will join the consortium this fall. Users will be able to see the holdings of both public libraries. Amherst County and Lynchburg have discontinued their non-resident borrowers' fees to encourage cooperation.

Special thanks go to System Administrator Marge Freeman, Lynchburg Public Library coordinator Marilyn Martin, and Tori Callands and the entire Information Technology crew for helping to get our new system up and running.

IDENTIFICATION AND PINS

With the new computer system, you may be asked to supply your identification number, which is the same as your library card barcode number. When typing in your barcode, omit any spaces, and be sure to include the last character, which may not be numerical. Some barcodes end in numbers, but others end in Z or % or \$ or other characters. Your PIN is the last four digits of your phone number. If you do not have a phone number on your library record, contact circulation to set up a PIN. If you have any problem using your library card, please see the circulation desk.

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR FOR GUS THE LEARNING BUS!

Barnes and Noble

September 29 through October 2



Gus the Learning Bus is an exciting mobile early literacy program that travels within the city limits of Lynchburg. Gus and his crew introduce children to skills they need in order to succeed in kindergarten, provide parents with the resources enabling them to be their children's first teacher and encourage learning at home.

Gus brings a full range of preschool activities into neighborhoods, where children wait for their weekly visit. In addition to storytimes, Gus offers music and crafts. Age appropriate learning opportunities are made available through the use of educational games, toys, puzzles and resources for parents. Children are given a free book each time they visit Gus so they may build a home library.

If you would like to help replenish Gus's book supply, please plan on attending the book fair held in his honor at Barnes and Noble, 4024 Wards Road. Visit the Youth Services Department to get a voucher and more information. Gus will be available for tours on Saturday, October 1, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Barnes and Noble parking lot. For more information, call 455-6320.

Lorry Risinger, Youth Services Library Coordinator

MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS

Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch

Mon. – Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

CLOSED

Mon., September 5
Labor Day

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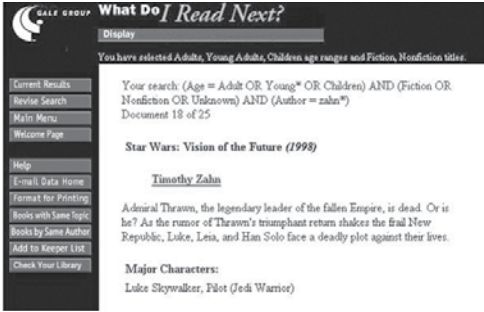
NEW DATABASES @ your library™

For the next few issues, we will continue to highlight the databases that are available through **Find It Virginia** from the library’s web page. These databases may be accessed by anyone from within both libraries or from home or any other remote location by anyone with a library card from any Virginia public library. To access the databases, go to the library’s web page at **www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary** and click on “Information Resources.” From there, click on “Databases” and see what **Find It Virginia** has to offer.

What Do I Read Next? is structured to give readers advice in choosing books for recreational reading. Included in the database are over 115,000 titles, more than 62,500 plot summaries, 561 awards titles, recommended reading lists and biographical information. Genres include inspirational, mystery, romance, science fiction, fantasy, horror, western and historical novels, general fiction, classic fiction and nonfiction. The user has the option of searching by title, author, subject, genre, locale and more. A monthly highlights page allows the user to see selections of award winners, upcoming titles, and titles that revolve around different subjects each month.

For example, say you enjoyed David Baldacci’s *Wish You Well* and want to find books similar to it. You can find *Wish You Well* by a title search and then click on “Books with the same topic.” On that page, you can choose which topics appealed to you the most, among Subject (coming of age, growing up, family, etc.), Settings (Atlantic States, United States, etc), Time Period and Major Characters. Soon you will have a list of books customized to your own particular preferences.

The next time you find yourself wondering, “what do I read next?” head for your computer and within a few minutes you will have a list of exciting and appealing possibilities!



SPEAKING OF BOOKS @ your library™



The adult book discussion group will be discussing the following books this fall:

September 21	<i>Remembering Piero: A Novel of the Early Renaissance Artist Piero della Francesca</i> by Alice Heard Williams. Mrs. Williams is a local writer and will be present at the book discussion.
October 19	<i>Far from the Madding Crowd</i> by Thomas Hardy
November 16	<i>The Plague</i> by Albert Camus
December 21	Movie to be announced.

The book group meets at 1:00 in the community room at the Main Library. Registration is not required. New members are always welcome. Bring your lunch if you like. Dessert and beverage are provided. For more information, or to reserve a copy of any of the books, call 455-6310.

NEW FEATURE ON LIBRARY’S WEB PAGE

The library has just subscribed to **Book News**, an online readers’ service. Click on **Book News** on the library’s web page **www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary** to access information on the latest books in several different categories – New Fiction, New Nonfiction, Bestsellers, Mystery, Romance, Book Club Picks, Science and Nature, Classics, Audio Books, Large Print Titles, Children’s Books, Teen Reads, and many more. Three or four books are featured every month in each category. Read descriptions and reviews of the books, and link to the library’s catalog to place a hold. Book lovers can sign up to receive any or all of the **Book News** newsletters in their email. We are excited about bringing this added service to library patrons.



ROANOKE TIMES JOB-SEEKER KIOSK @ your library™

Just beyond the reference desk at the Main Library you will find something new, the Roanoke Times Job Seeker Kiosk. The kiosk provides job seekers the opportunity to view, print, and email job descriptions from the *Roanoke Times*, plus apply for jobs. Entries are updated daily and job seekers can choose from 500-700 up-to-date employment opportunities. The kiosk has an easy to use touch screen that walks users through the process quickly and efficiently. The application can be completed in less than 4 minutes. There is no resume or registration required. The service is also free.

COME MEET THE DOGS THAT ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO READ.

Saturday, October 8, 2:00 – 3:00 PM



Children who are reluctant to read find that “man’s best friends” are willing to listen. Therapy dogs sit quietly and calmly while children read aloud to them, allowing children to become more relaxed and confident about reading.

These dogs are members of Therapy Dogs International and have earned their Canine Good Citizen Certificate, making them qualified to work with children. Many are already working at T. C. Miller and Bedford Hills Elementary Schools, helping students improve reading skills. Now they are coming to the public library to give more children a chance to practice reading without being shy or embarrassed.

If you know of a child who might benefit from this program, please come and let them get acquainted with the dogs that just might make a difference in their reading habits. Pre-registration is not required. If there is enough interest, regularly scheduled reading sessions will be made available.

Please call 455-6320 or visit the Youth Services Department for more information.

Lorry Risinger, *Youth Services Library Coordinator*

2735 Attend the Children’s Summer Reading Program!

From June 20, when the first **Monday Movie Matinees** were shown, through August 6, when the **Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae** Grand Finale concluded, 2735 children and their parents had attended programs in the Youth Services Department. During those seven weeks, children had a chance to create a paper chain American Flag, do things “backwards”, see a 37-foot-long dinosaur in the library, become a knight or princess, survive a shipwreck, watch magicians, experiment with scientific concoctions, construct creative domes, try their hands at creative writing, watch some of their favorite movies and read...read...read!

Those who read at least 15 books or 300 minutes got to celebrate at the **Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae**



Party. More than 300 children and their parents came with their completed reading logs to earn the privilege to adorn a scoop of ice cream with their favorite toppings. YUM!

Teens participated in the Summer Reading Program by volunteering their time and talents to make the program a success. They also got the chance to experiment with the intriguing art form of **Tessellations**. What creative teens we have here in Lynchburg!

For the seventh year, teens kept track of the books they read during the summer in an effort to support the Lynchburg Humane Society. Teens earned \$1.00 for each book they read and recorded, up to a maximum of five.

The funds for the Summer Reading Program are provided by The Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library, a non-profit volunteer organization that is dedicated to supporting this library. Thank you!

Lorry Risinger, *Youth Services Library Coordinator*, 455-6320

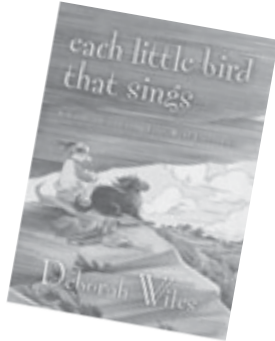


Authors Come Together to Discuss Their Books at the Old City Cemetery

Local author Jessica Ward and children’s author Deborah Wiles have written two books that have much in common. Funerals and food!

Jessica Ward, author of *Food to Die For*, and Deborah Wiles, author of *Each Little Bird That Sings*, will present readings and discussions that explain how their books were created from their own experiences, memories and love of writing. Both authors will be available for book signings afterwards. *Each Little Bird That Sings* will be available for purchase at the special price of \$13.00 in “keeping with the situation.” To add to the mood, the presentation will be in the Cemetery Center at the Old City Cemetery. Gee, and only a week after Halloween! What fun!

Please call 455-6320 or visit the Youth Services Department for more information.



FRIENDS UPDATE

Should your address change, please be sure to send your new address to Friends Membership Secretary Linda Napior, 5218 Wedgwood Place, Lynchburg, VA 24503. You may also make a change by calling Linda at (434) 384-1718 or by emailing dnapior@msn.com.

Library History - Fifth In a Series Early Friends Who Went on to Higher Public Service

Several of the individuals who assumed leadership roles in founding the Friends of the Library in 1964 went on to higher public service. Native Lynchburger and businessman Elliot Schewel was the first to move to elective office. After serving on City Council (1966-1975), he ran for the State Senate, where he ably represented Lynchburg for 20 years (1975-1995); he rose to membership on the powerful Senate Finance Committee. In the December 31, 1999 issue, the *News & Advance* chose him as one of *Lynchburg’s Most Influential People of the 20th Century* (no. 6). Another *Most Influential Person* (no. 20) was long-time City Manager Robert Morrison, during whose administration the library opened. He provided strong support and guidance in the formative years.

Dr. Cullie Lippard was the second Friends President, 1968-70. Under his leadership the city-wide, 3-months long Asian Affairs Study Program was initiated. In 1968, he accepted appointment to City Council, filling the seat of the late Mr. Abe Cohen. Dr Lippard was a Pennsylvania native who came to Lynchburg in 1959 to practice medicine. From 1970-1972, when his term ended, he served as Vice-Mayor; he did not run for election.

Mrs. Pauline Weeden Maloney served on the Lynchburg School Board from 1971-1979. She retired as Vice-Principal of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and represented the Links, Inc. civic group on the first Friends Board.

In 1975, Dr. Joseph F. Freeman, III accepted the Friends Presidency. He coordinated the celebration of the library’s 10th Anniversary in 1976, a black tie dinner attended by 200 persons that featured a talk about and display of rare books. Then a professor of Political Science at Lynchburg College, he ran for City Council in 1976 and served 16 years, including two years as Mayor. He later wrote a book, *Government is Good*, based on his experiences in local government.